

How Florida Deals With Traffic Data Quality Assessments and Quality Control



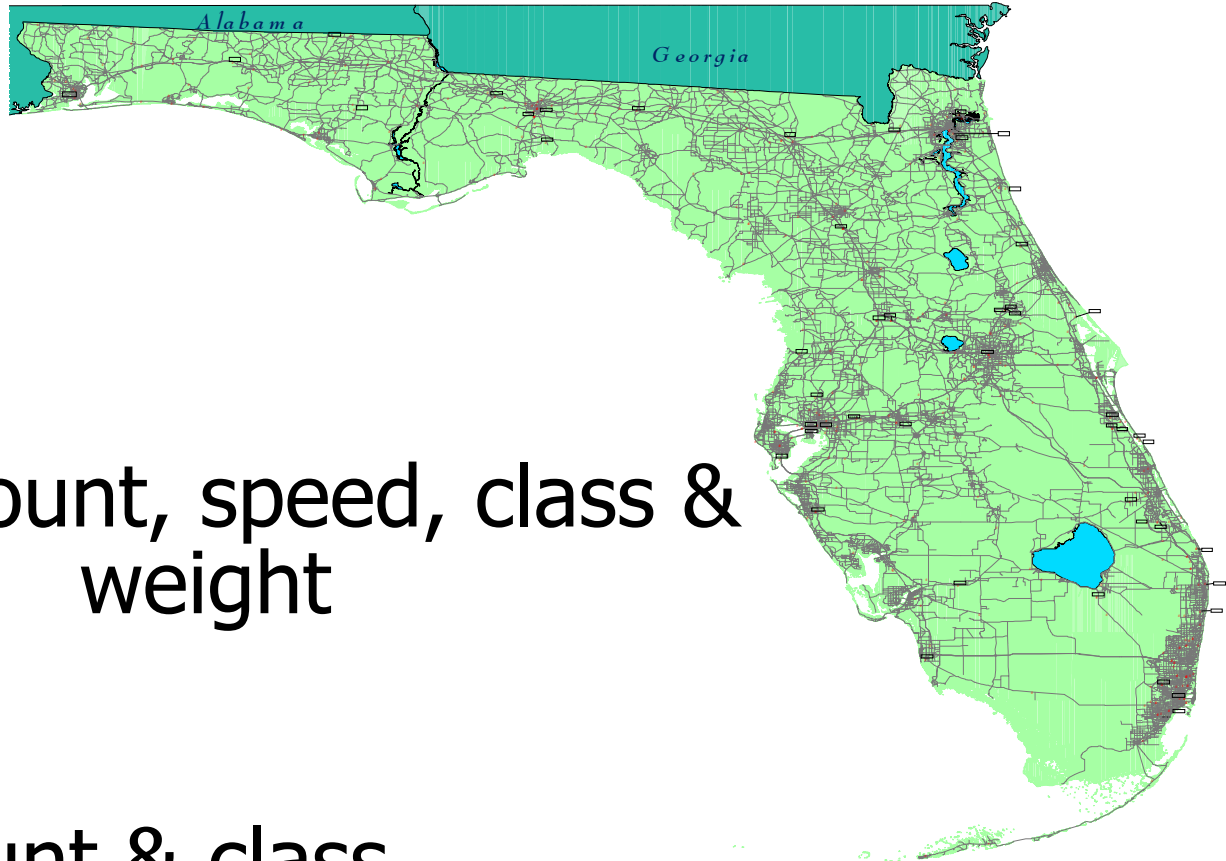
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Florida's Traffic Program



■ TTMS

- Count, speed, class & weight

■ PTMS

- count & class



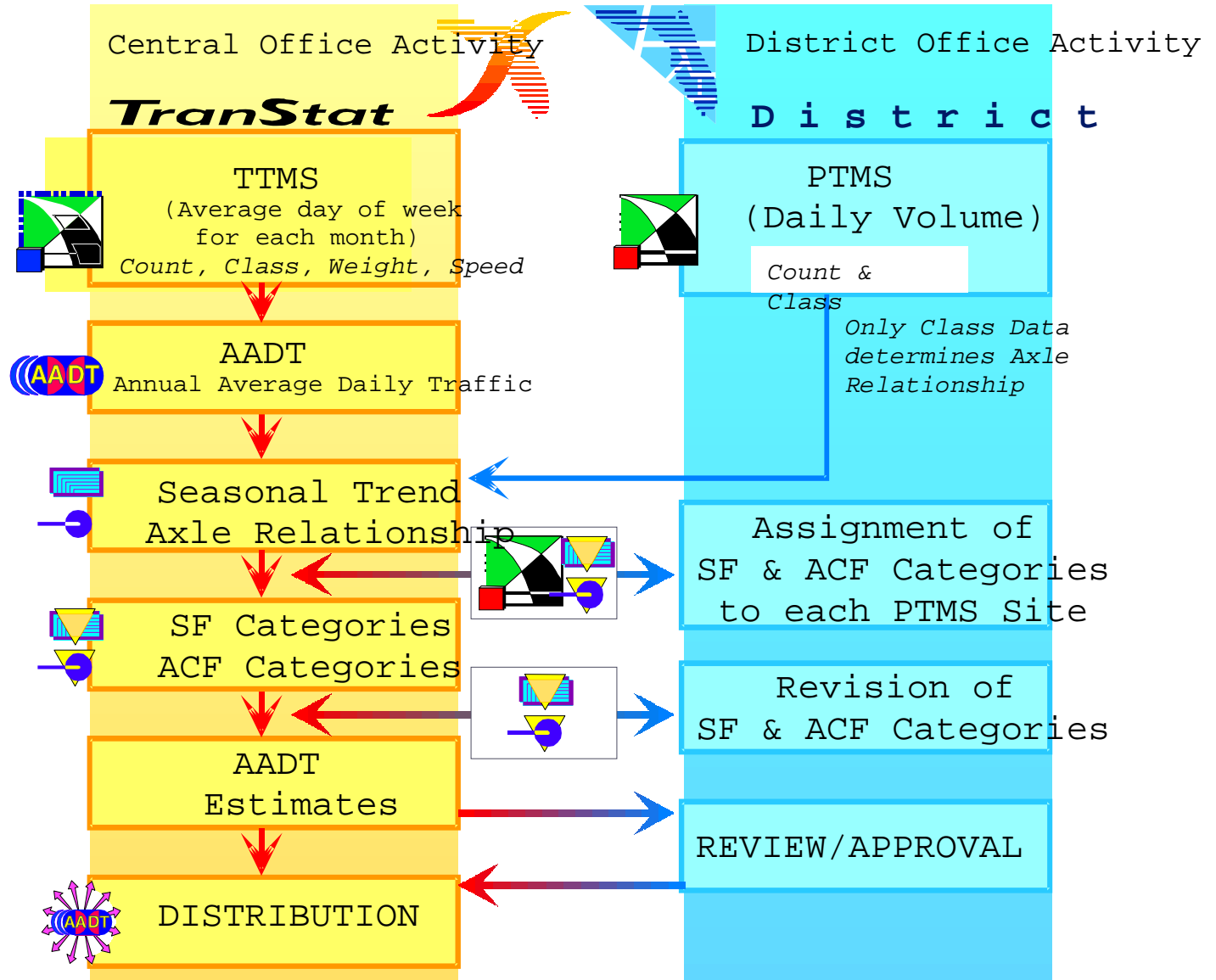
300 TTMS

- Count – 277
- Speed – 245
- Class – 245
- WIM - 28



7,000 PTMS

- Count – 5,081
- Class – 2,026



TRAFFIC DATA SECTION

Process Control System

Process Name: Collect, edit, process, and disseminate traffic data.

Primary Customers: Highway Designer, Pavement and Roadway Design, FHWA, government agencies, EOC, researchers, private business.

Valid Requirement(s): Accurate traffic data in a timely manner.

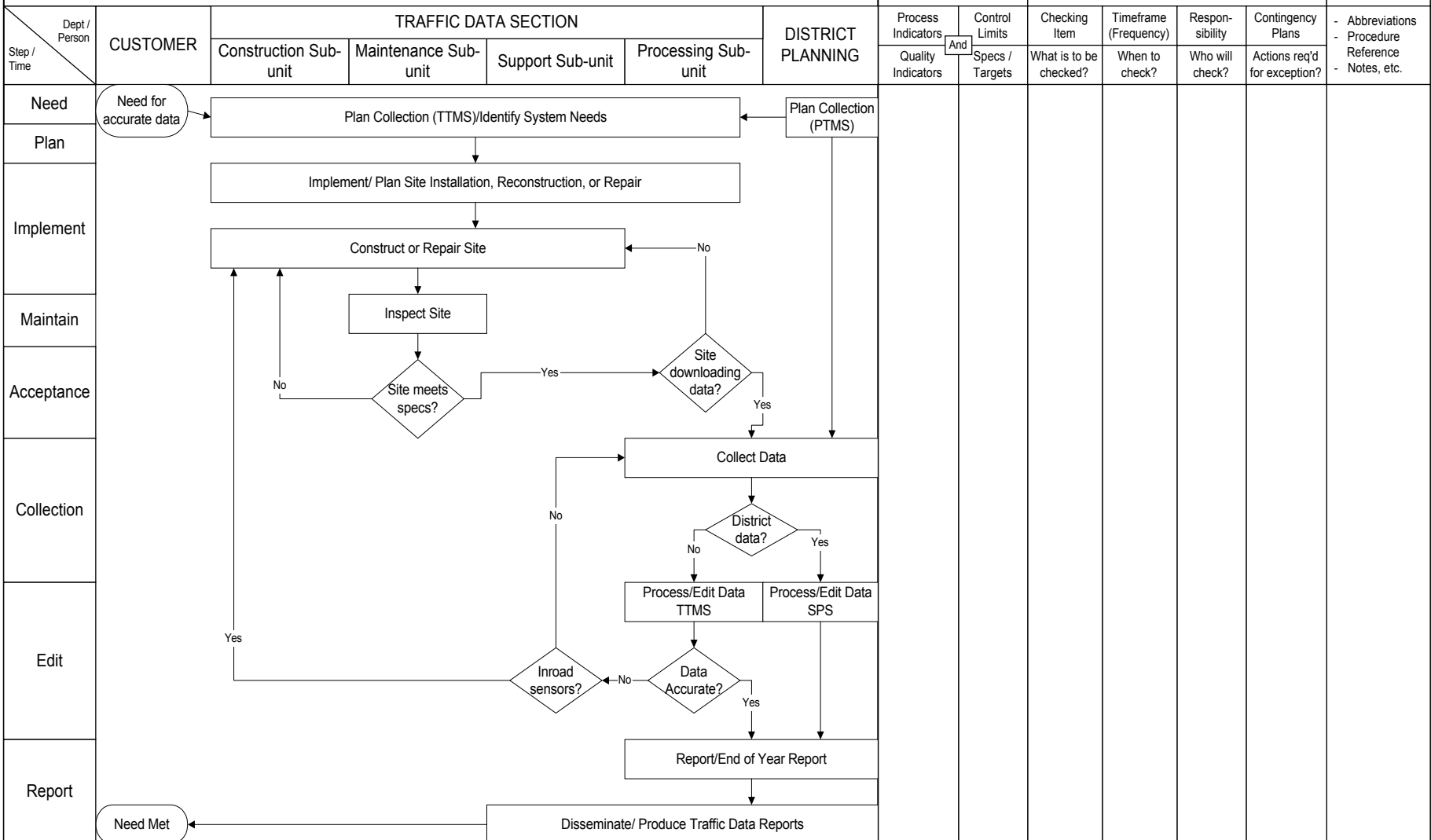
Quality Indicator(s):

Flow Chart

Process and Quality Indicators

Checking / Indicator Monitoring

Miscellaneous Information



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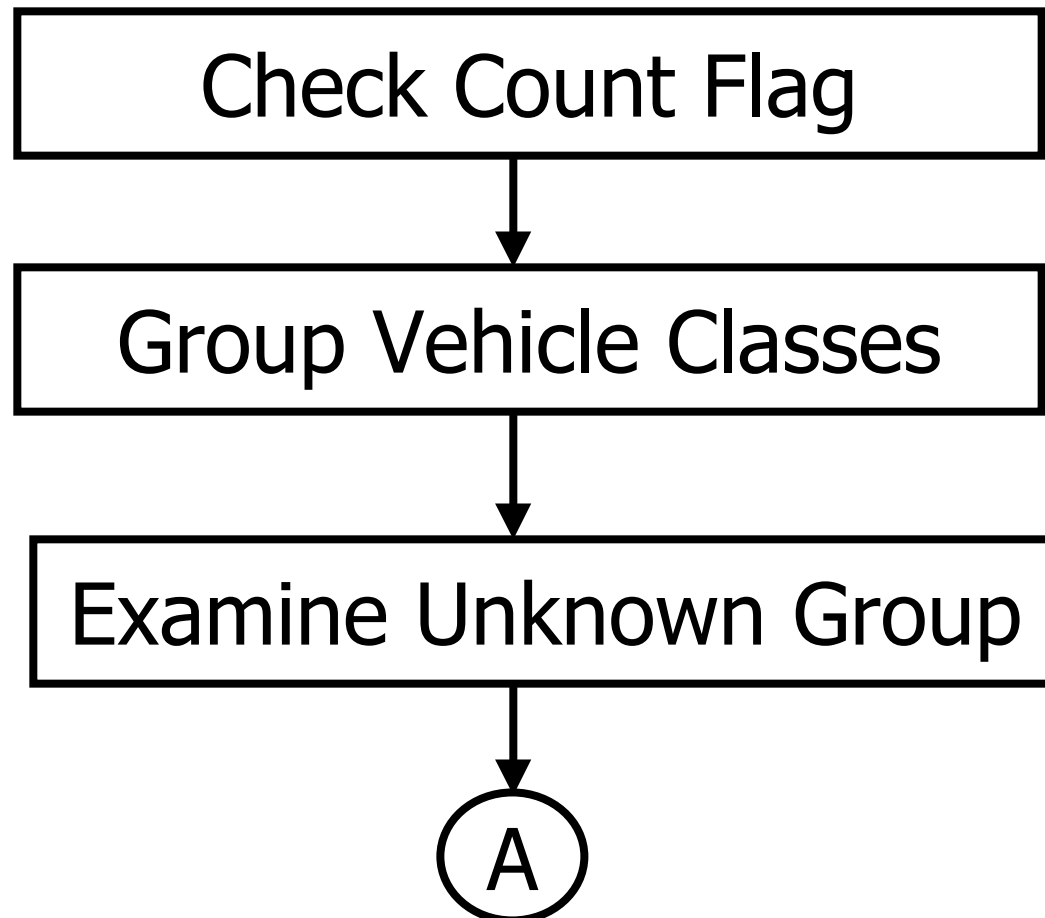
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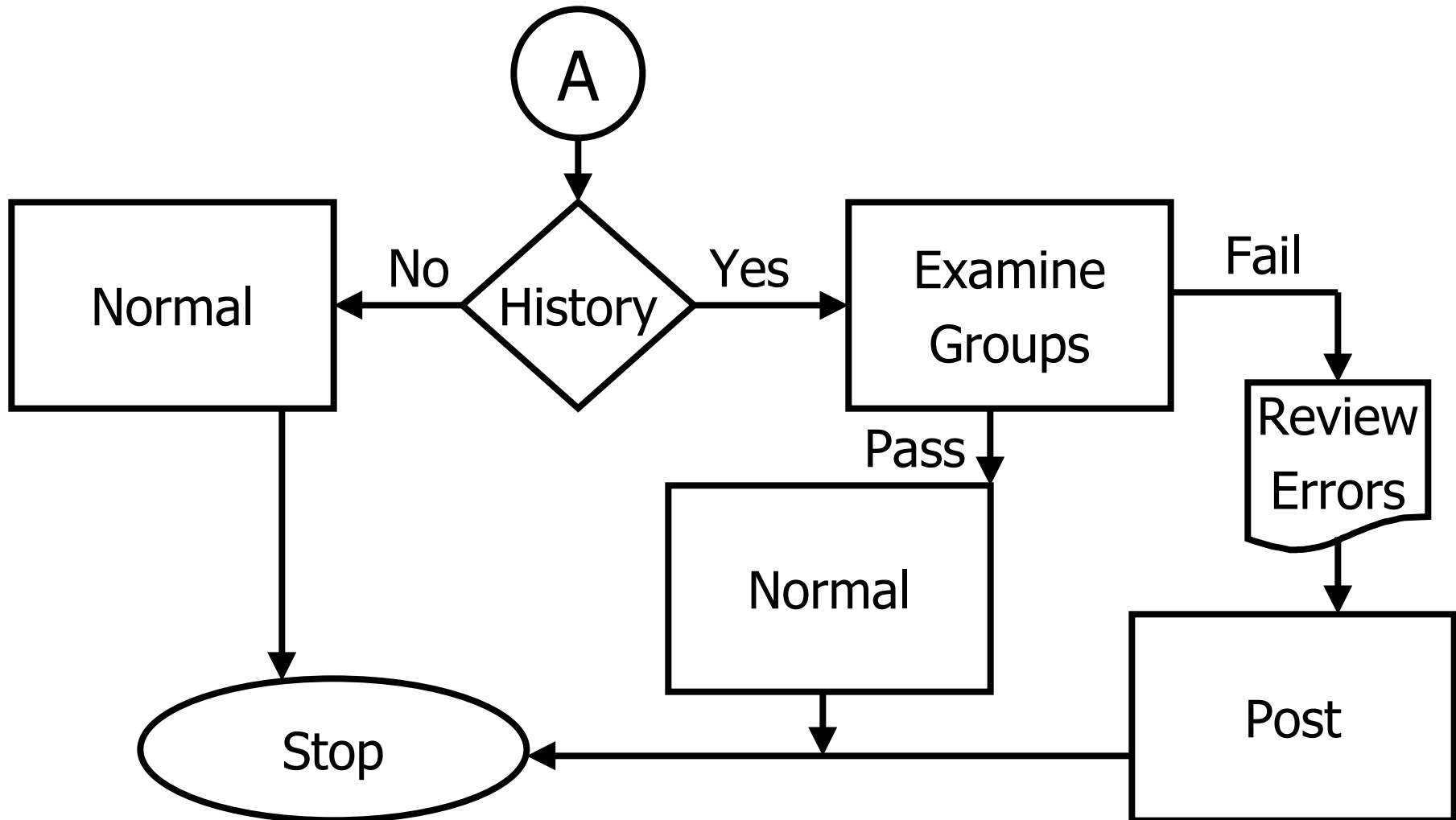
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TTMS Automatic Edit Criteria For Classification Data



TTMS Automatic Edit Criteria





Classification Edit Groups

Group	Vehicle Classes
Motorcycles	1
Passenger	2-3
Single Unit Trucks	4-7
Single Trailer Trucks	8-10
Twin Trailer Trucks	11-12
Very Large Trucks	13
Unknown Vehicles	14-15

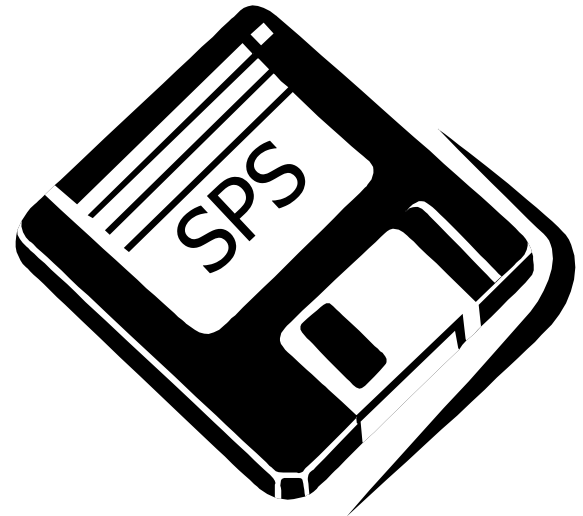
TTMS Manual Edit Criteria





PTMS Edit Criteria

Survey
Processing
Software
(SPS)





**If you keep doing
what you've always
done, you will keep
getting what you've
always gotten!**

If you want different
results you must change the
process!

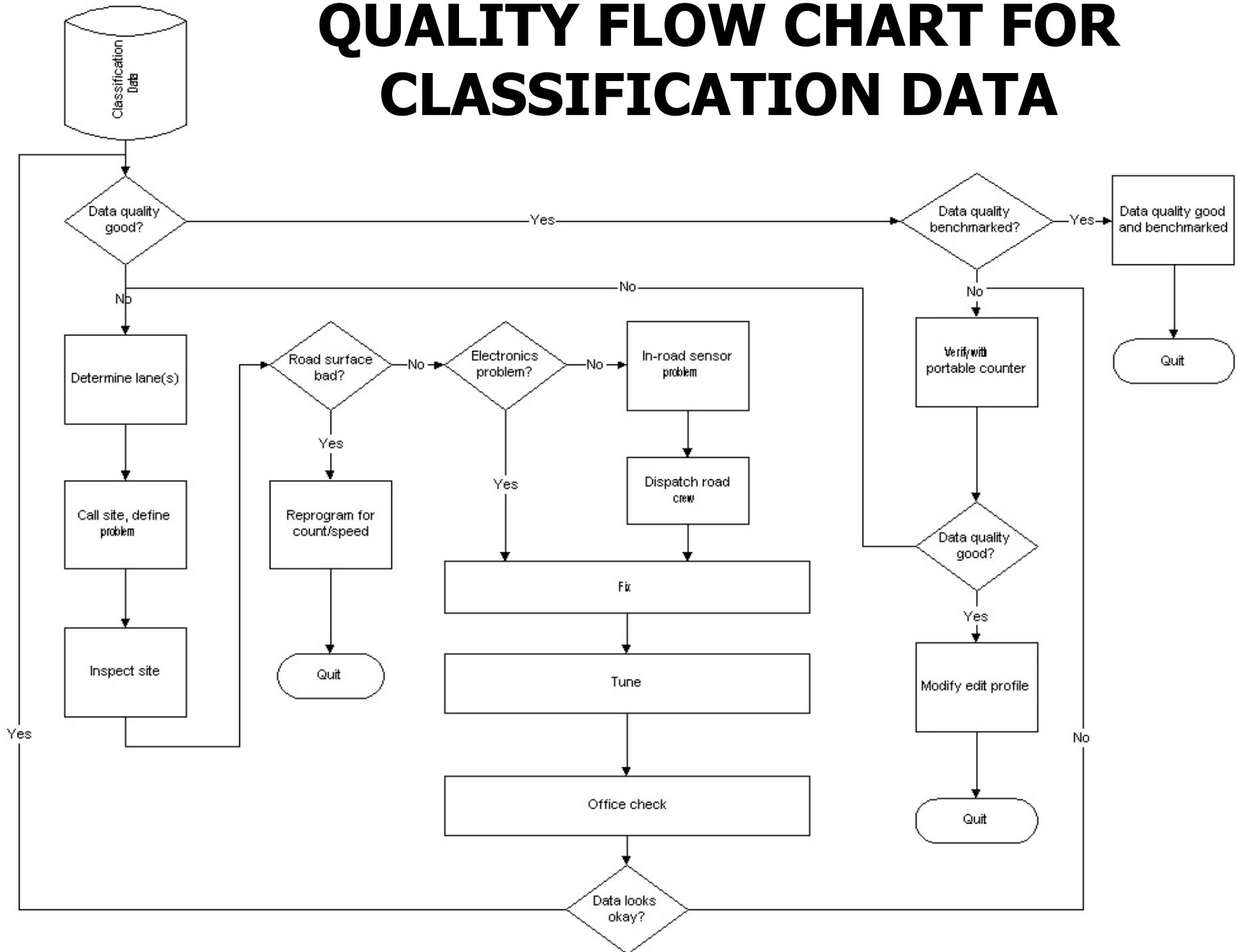


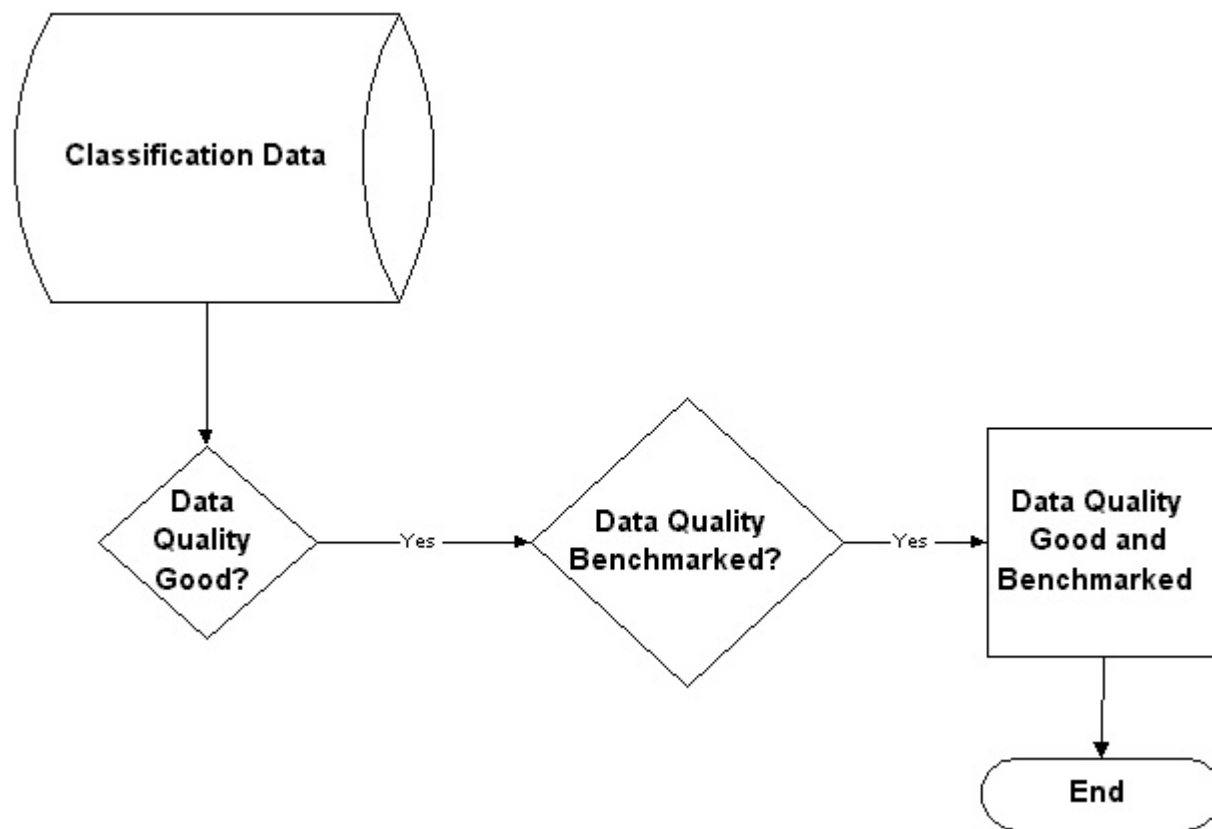
Future of Quality Assurance of Classification Data

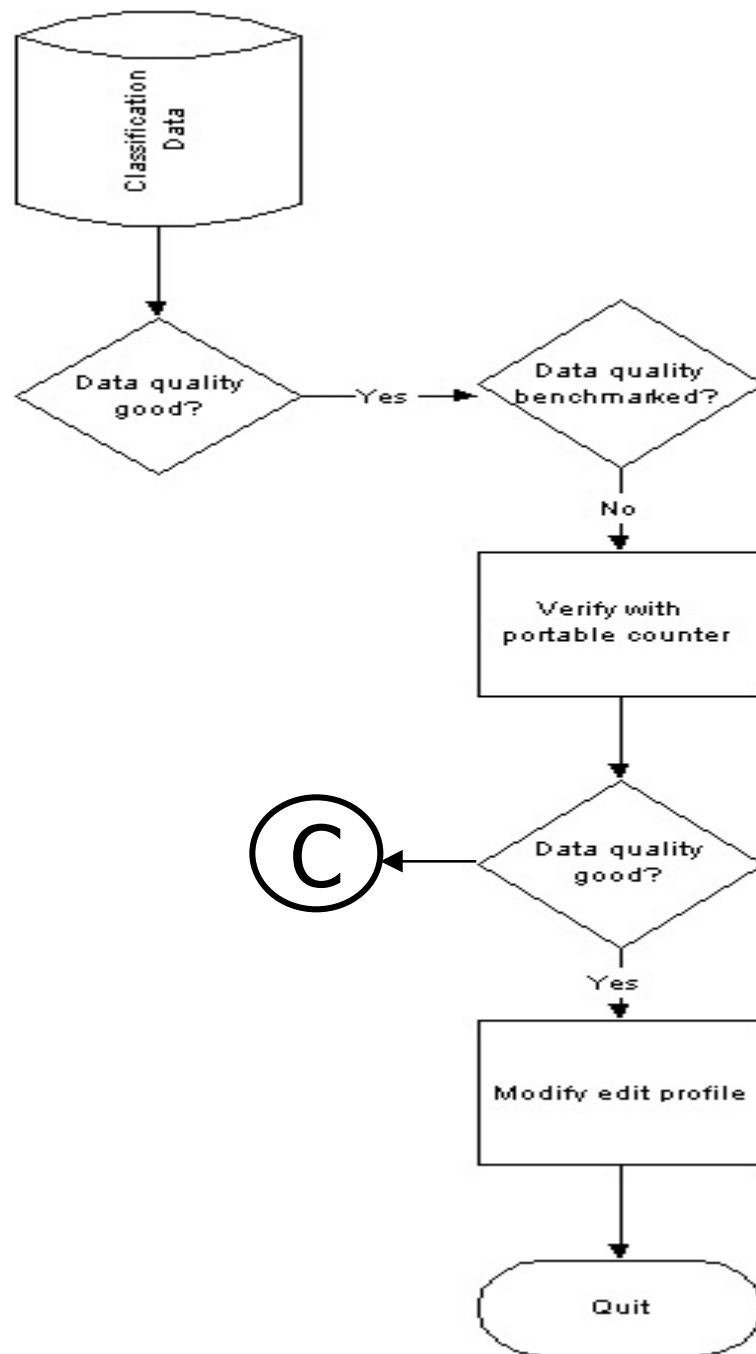
- Classification data collected in the field by equipment represents what is **ACTUALLY** present in the field.

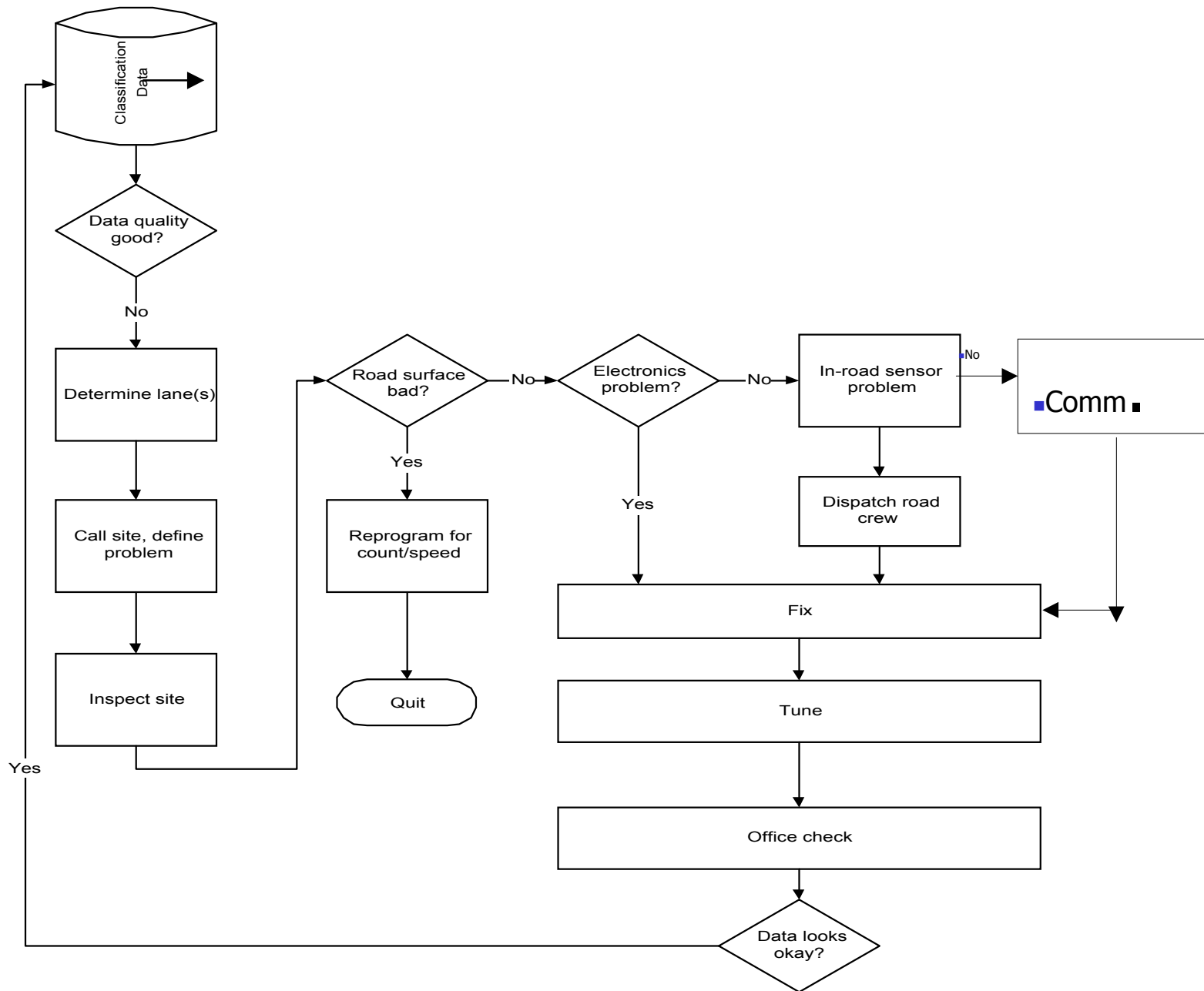
TRUE DATA

QUALITY FLOW CHART FOR CLASSIFICATION DATA







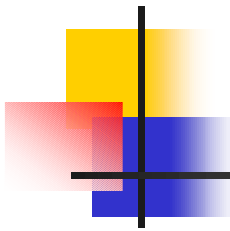




Case Study For Site 9936

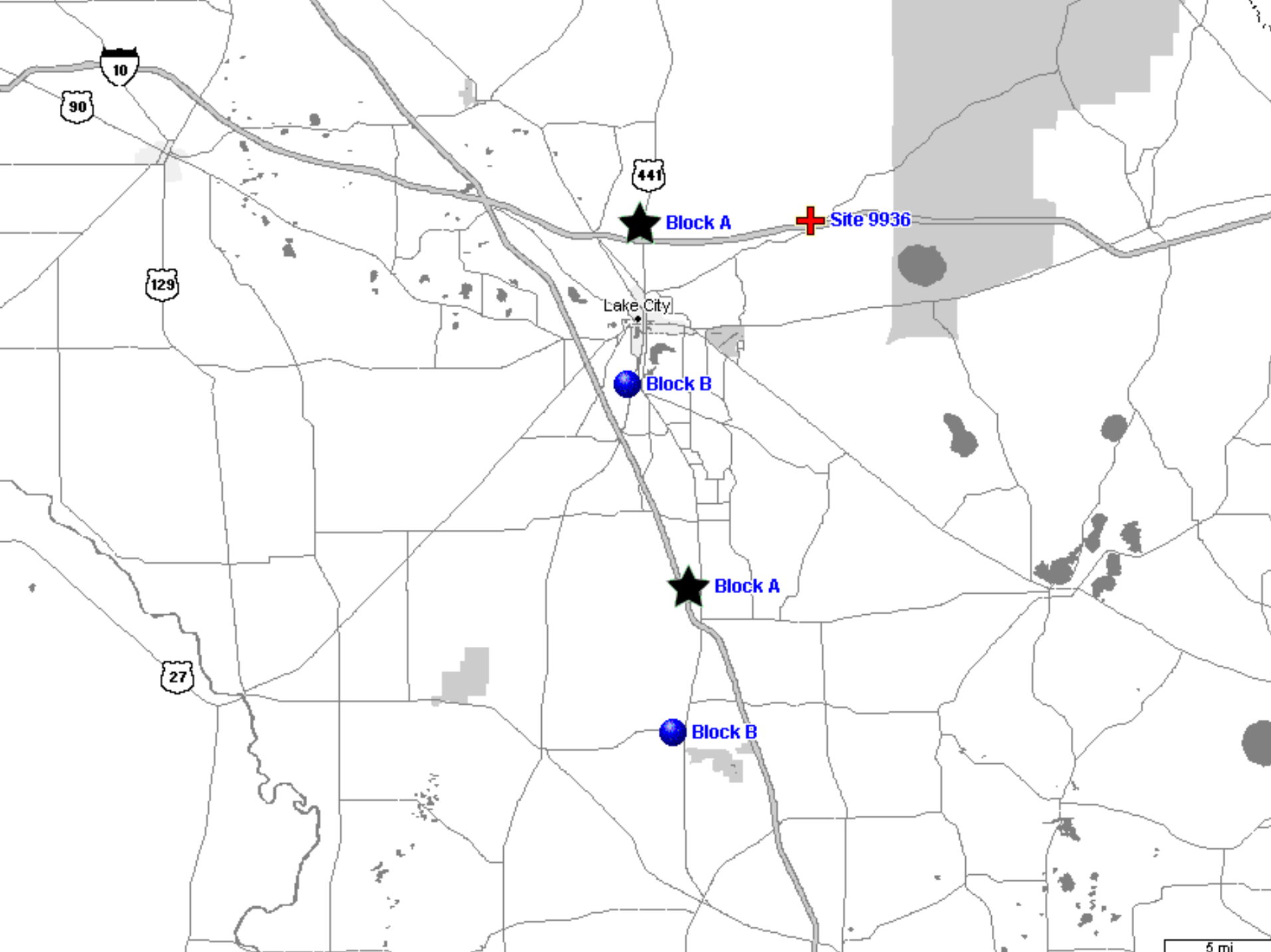


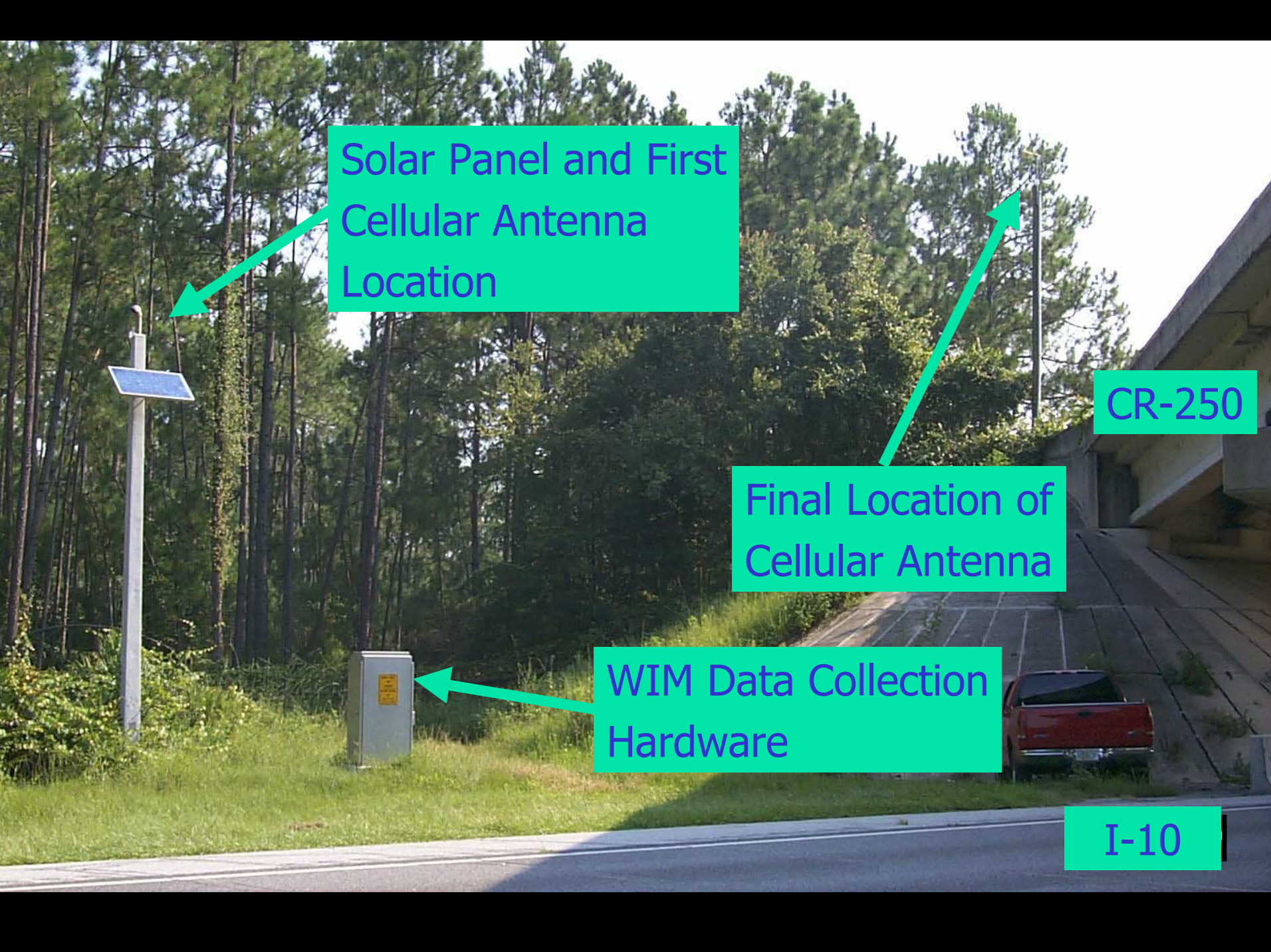
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Remote Cellular Data Collection (Site 9936)

- **Symptom:** Unable to Establish Reliable Cellular Communication
- **Site Conditions:**
 - Remote Location
 - Large Files
- **Problems:** Site Selection and Installation



A photograph of a roadside monitoring station. On the left, a white pole holds a solar panel and a cellular antenna. In the center, a grey electrical box sits on the grass. On the right, a tall antenna is mounted on a structure near a highway overpass. A red pickup truck is parked on the shoulder. Labels with arrows point to these features.

Solar Panel and First
Cellular Antenna
Location

CR-250

Final Location of
Cellular Antenna

WIM Data Collection
Hardware

I-10



Antenna Feed

Antenna Feed
Adjustment

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Antenna Pointed to the side of the trees that obstruct line-of-site.

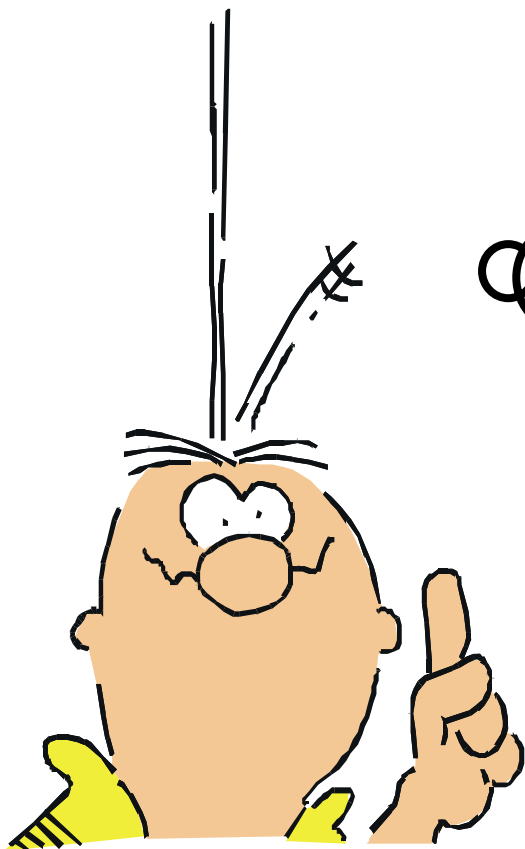
Line-of-site to the cellular tower is more to the north (right).



Results of Effort at Site 9936

☺ It Worked!

- Large Improvement in Signal Levels
 - More Reliable Communication
- Changed Cellular Provider
 - Nearer Tower
 - More Supportive
 - Helped with cellular modem problems
 - Provided technical support at the site
- Properly Aimed the Antenna





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